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FARRELL BUYS NEWARK BALL CLUB AS FARM FOR HIS NEW YORK AMERICAN LEAGUE PLAYERS

Surplus Stock of Yankees Will Be Sent Here—Stallings Is Part Owner and Manager—Will Take Charge at Once.

Noted Metropolitan Sporting Man Purchases Controlling Stock in Local Baseball Team After Disposing of His Montreal Franchise—Burnham Gets Big Price for His Interests. New Leader of Nine No Stranger to Newark Fans.

BY BERT DODGE.

CAN George T. Stallings bring to Newark an Eastern League baseball pennant during the season of 1908?

That is a question which, in some form or other, came uppermost in the minds of all local fans when it was announced late yesterday that the former manager of the Buffalo Eastern League team had purchased the control of the local club from Walter W. Burnham, who, up to last night, directed its affairs.

Manager Burnham has been almost universally condemned in this city, ever since the Newark Eastern League club was organized, in 1902, for failing to land the Colts anywhere near first place in the race for the coveted bit of bunting which represents the championship. To all complaints Manager Burnham has replied that he "had to suit his pattern to the cloth possessed." He says that Stallings has connections with big league magnates which should prove to be big factors in trying for a pennant. He admits that he has never been able to form close relations with leaders in baseball, and to this fact, as well as the claim that he never possessed the means to purchase the players needed to get to the top, he ascribes the failure of the Newark Eastern League team to ever climb higher than fourth place in the race.

Watching the exchange of coin last night in Jersey City, where Stallings met Burnham and the other local stockholders who sold out, it could hardly escape the attention of an observer that, even if Burnham had to bear in mind the cloth he had in making the pattern for his team, he at least saved out enough to make himself an overcoat.

Coming to this city with what he admits was a small bankroll, he has managed to secure control of a large majority of the shares of the local organization. It was said last night that the twenty shares he owned when the club was formed have grown to 169 shares. Stallings and his interests now own these and, indeed, all but a few shares in the hands of the Wiedenmayers and one or two others.

The sum which was handed over to the Burnhams last night was in the neighborhood of \$40,000. While Stallings declared that the deal was, on his side, a personal one, it is plain that Frank Farrell, of the New York Americans, is interested. Burnham practically admitted this when he said that though negotiations for the control of the Newark Club had been under way for some time that until it became certain that Farrell would be able to dispose of his Montreal franchise it was not certain that the bid for the Newark Club would be made good. Farrell had a farm in Montreal but it was too far out. Newark will certainly make a better paying investment.

Out of a mass of indefinite intimations to the effect that he would make every effort to give Newark a pennant-winner there was gathered last night one rather tangible fact. That was that Carlisch is apt to be a backstop for the Colts next season. Manager Burnham has been dicker with him and Carlisch has said that he was willing to play baseball if the inducements were made right. Carlisch is in the State of Washington just now, but Stallings will be pretty certain to attract him by the magnet of a contract which names a snug sum as the remuneration for wearing a Newark uniform.

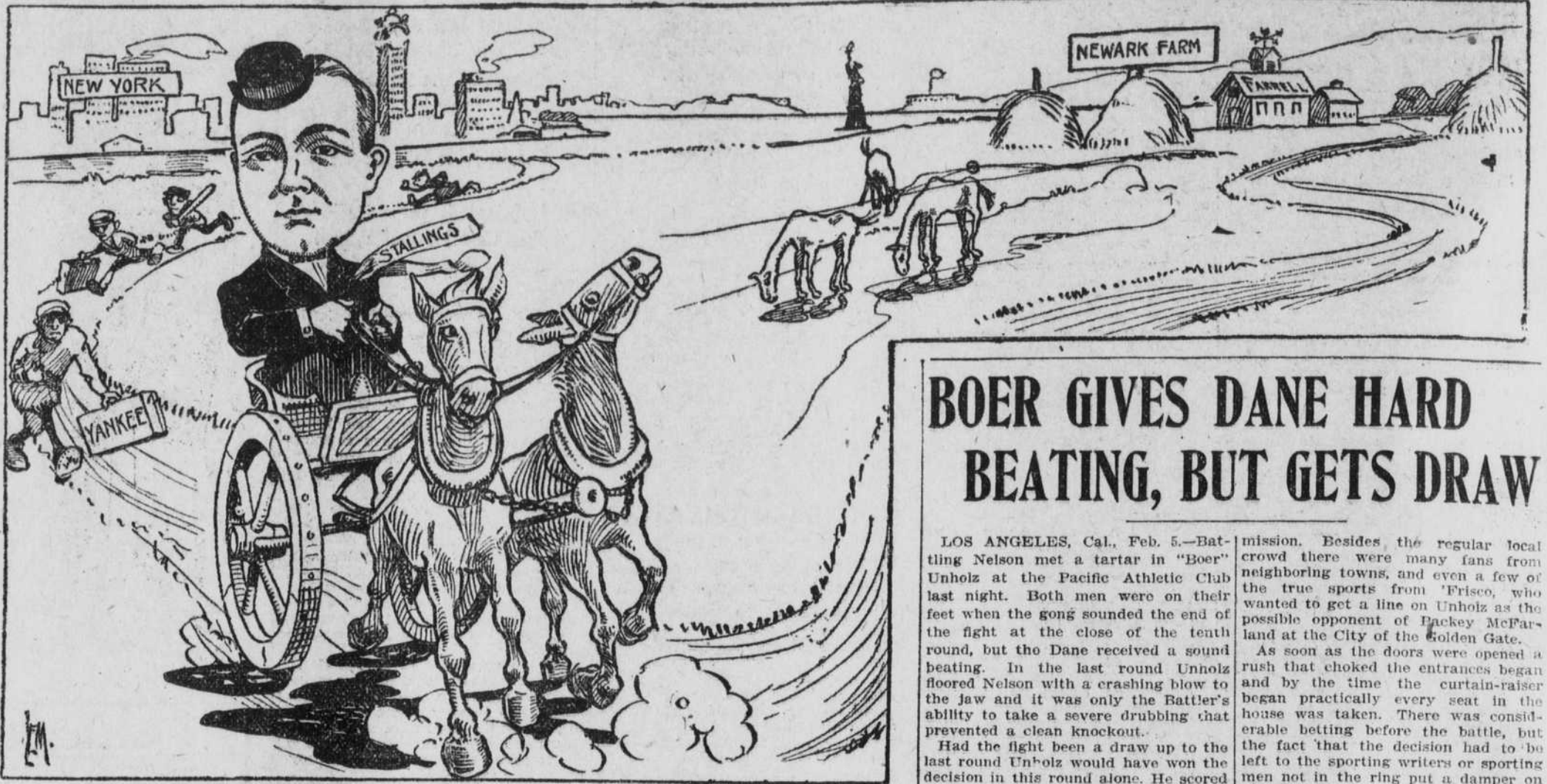
Unless there is a change for the better, Frank Chance, the manager and first baseman of the Chicago Cubs, the world's champions, may not be able to play baseball again. Chance, who is in California, is suffering from neuritis in the left foot, which began to develop last year as the result of a bruise. The best specialists on the coast are trying to avert an operation by using every possible treatment, but it seems as if Chance would have to submit to the knife in order to be entirely cured. Chance is considerably worried for he fears that his career as a ballplayer may be cut short.

Though the lull in athletic activities, especially those of the outdoor variety, during the winter, still continues, there are hopeful signs. One of these is that the youngsters are beginning to send in their notices to the sporting editor, telling all about their "plans for the coming baseball season." These contributions, which will soon become so numerous as to threaten to force out of the sporting columns all other news, began to drop in about January 1. First it was one or two early birds, then quite a flock and now the "organization meetings" and "election of officers" and "the signing of new players" are so numerous that one can't help looking for other signs of spring, even if the mercury does insist on doing business near the zero stand.

Wrestling affairs have a tendency to develop some sort of a complication both before and during the actual struggle on the mat, and the much-heralded meeting between George Hackenschmidt, the "Russian Lion" and Frank Gotch, the American champion, seems to be no exception to the rule. It was generally believed that the Kansas City Athletic Club was to get the big affair, but W. W. Mittig, a Milwaukee promoter, now comes forward with the assertion that Hackenschmidt has signed a contract with him. Wittig is said to have posted \$10,000 as a guarantee of his ability to pull off the match, and it looks as if his claims were based on rather substantial grounds. Wherever it is decided, it is certain that the bout will attract more interest than any struggle between artists on the mat held in years. With all due respect for Gotch's ability and a natural patriotic desire to see the American win, it is the writer's opinion that Hackenschmidt will dispose of the Westerner in about the same fashion that he downed Tom Jenkins in Madison Square Garden about two years ago. The strength and activity of Hackenschmidt form a combination hard to overcome. Gotch is clever and able to put the screws on his opponents in a painful way that usually forces them to submit to a fall. Hackenschmidt, however, is almost sure to break any hold that Gotch secures, even should it be that "loose hold," to which the American invariably resorts when all other attempts to down an adversary fail.

Clarence Hobart, the tennis player, is out with a statement to the effect that the work of the ranking committee of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association was not fairly done. He first asserts that the committee is not efficient, inasmuch as only one member of it is a player of any prominence. Then he claims that personal feeling had much to do in determining the positions given the players. He refers, with little consideration for anybody's feelings, to alleged favoritism shown to E. P. Larned, Clothier, Karl Behr and Beals C. Wright. Taken altogether, Hobart's little say, which, in the shape of an open letter to the press, is apt to stir things up pretty well in tennis circles.

Considering the brief time that the swimming team of the Newark Y. M. C. A. has had to become adept in the tank, its success against the prominent Y. M. C. A. teams in this city has been remarkable. The Brooklyn, Manhattan, Orange, Passaic and other swimming combinations have tried to lower the colors of the local natorial experts, and have failed. The Newark lads have been equally successful at home or away. Raymond D. Smith, the local youngster, who holds the National Y. M. C. A. records for the short-distance events, is the star performer on the team, but his mates are all capable, especially Captain Alverson, the Newark High School all-around athlete. The Newarkers will seek new honors tomorrow night in the tank of the Bedford Branch Y. M. C. A. tank in Brooklyn.



BOER GIVES DANE HARD BEATING, BUT GETS DRAW

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 5.—Battling Nelson met a tartar in "Boer" Unholz at the Pacific Athletic Club last night. Both men were on their feet when the gong sounded the end of the fight at the close of the tenth round, but the Dane received a sound beating. In the last round Unholz floored Nelson with a crashing blow to the jaw and it was only the Battler's ability to take a severe drubbing that prevented a clean knockout.

Had the fight been a draw up to the last round Unholz would have won the decision in this round alone. He scored continually on the Battler's face in the final round, although the latter was miles and miles away from being strogy or even tired.

As a matter of fact, the distance was too short to make either man tired, though both of them were fighting like demons every second of the way. It was not a decisive battle, although Unholz unquestionably had the better of the ten rounds of milling.

Nelson is not over popular here, because the fight public has seen fit to criticize his conduct on several occasions. Unholz was the sentimental but not the financial favorite, even though he had won a warm place in the bosom of the local fans by his victory over George Mensie. Most of them figured that the Boer had a good chance to beat Nelson, and that brought a bigger crowd by far than if the cool judgment had doped it the other way.

Long before the first preliminary was called the crowd began to gather around the entrance and clamor for admission. Besides the regular local crowd there were many fans from neighboring towns, and even a few of the true sports from Frisco, who wanted to get a line on Unholz as the possible opponent of Hackey McFarland at the City of the Golden Gate.

As soon as the doors were opened a rush that choked the entrances began and by the time the curtain-raiser began practically every seat in the house was taken. There was considerable betting before the battle, but the fact that the decision had to be left to the sporting writers or sporting men not in the ring put a damper on speculation. Nelson was the favorite at 5 to 4 when the mill began.

The enthusiasts who had backed the Dane looked gloomy when the first round opened with a knock-down to Unholz's credit, the first time Nelson was ever hit off his legs. By the time the third round opened the Unholz men were offering even money and there were no takers.

It was noticed that all through the fight, even when he had Unholz apparently in trouble in the sixth and seventh rounds, Nelson was very wild. He fought with all of his old aggressiveness, but his wallop went wide of the mark in many cases and Unholz did not display unusual cleverness. After the seventh round Unholz rested up for a bit and stalled off Nelson's attacks, but in the ninth and tenth rounds he met the Dane as of old, smashed him repeatedly with heavy hooks and swings to the head and body. Nelson kept boring in all the time, and once in the tenth round he pushed his foe through the ropes.

NEW JERSEY SKATING CHAMPION WILL TAKE PART IN BIG PITTSBURG CARNIVAL

Sutphen Among the Entries Who Will Go After Ice Records.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 5.—The International indoor amateur ice skating championship of the world is to be held at Pittsburgh tomorrow and Friday evenings, with the leading amateurs of the world as competitors. The race, which is sanctioned by the International Skating Union of America, insures the very best list of speed merchants from all parts of the country. The officials of the association will have complete charge of the races, acting as referee, judges and timers. This insures all records as bona fide and acceptable.

The men who will compete are all known to the followers of ice racing in this city. The only name among the missing will be Morris Wood, who was the undisputed champion among the amateurs. He has turned professional and will not be seen at Duquesne Gardens until later in the season, when he, with Barrie and other fast professionals, will be here.

One of the skaters entered is Edmund Lamy, who defeated the Canadian cracks at Montreal early this week.

HOCKEY PLAYERS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF WEATHER.

With Ice in Condition King of Winter Sports Is Active.

Hockey teams are taking advantage of this arctic weather, and while the ice at the various local lakes is in good condition challenges for games are flying left and right. The Social A. C. will meet the Newark High School team tonight at the Park A. C. rink and the invincible A. C. at the same place Friday night. Manager H. L. Fritz, of 72 Burnet street, is desirous of arranging games with other teams. The Quickest A. C. has an interesting hockey campaign mapped out. The team will play Saturday at Rahway, facing the strong El Cid A. C., of that place. Other games scheduled are:

February 15, the Triton A. A. at Woodside; February 22, the Social A. C. at Park A. A. rink; and they will close the season February 29 with the El Cids at Park A. A. The Quickest will line up as follows in Saturday's game: Centre, Hattersley; point, Wertz; cover point, Hayes; right wing, Baas; left wing, Hoffman or Heenan; rover, Captain Struble; goal, Horsey or Flanders. Coach Arthur G. Williams, who has had the team under his direction for the past two months, has developed a strong seven and deserves much credit for his untiring efforts.

Tritons Defeat Ramblers. The hockey team representing the Triton Athletic Club, of Woodside, journeyed to Little Falls yesterday afternoon and defeated the strong Ramblers Field Club, of that place, by a score of 3 goals to 1. The ice was in prime condition and the contest was close and exciting. Shortly after the whistle blew, Captain McGuire, of the Tritons, scored the first point for his team. Soon, however, the rover of the Ramblers tied the score by tallying for his team. After much saw-sawing up and down the ice the half ended in a tie.

In the second half Kepler and Hadfield, of the Tritons, by brilliant passing and clever dodging, scored the deciding points for the Tritons. The features of the game were the playing of the captain of each team and clever blocking of the goal tenders.

The line-up follows:

Triton A. C. Ramblers F. C.

Kepler, Centre, Brown

Hadfield, Mix

McGuire (capt.), Gray

Rover, Point

Dumont, (capt.) Baird

Struble, Johnson

Olds, Right wing, Lee

Goeller, Left wing, Sullivan

Goal, Goal.

Instead of Morris Wood as the opponent of this boy will be seen Phil Kearney, of the New York Athletic Association. This skater did not appear in Pittsburgh last season, for the reason that he did not want to be mixed up in the racing trouble that the A. A. U. was causing the skaters. Since then the A. A. U. has turned over the handling of the skating races to the new organization, so that Kearney will be able to start. This artist is the metropolitan champion, having successfully defended his title in 1905-6-7. Kearney has few, if any, equals, on the ice, and he will be able to make Lamy and all the others go fast to defeat him.

Another skater who started in the business last season and was seen here is Fred Logan. This young man was the sensation of the youngsters, having defeated Wood in five races two weeks before he came to this city. He contracted a severe cold which proved his undoing, for he was not fit to go the distance at the pace the others set. He is now in excellent condition, having last week defeated all his opponents at Montreal in the races held there.

One man who came here unheralded, but who caused trouble among the other skaters, was Adolph Anderson, the Western champion, who made a big hit by his wonderful speed. He was handicapped at first by the turns, but he overcame this the second night. This season he should be faster and better than ever.

Among the other starters, all well known in this city, are Woodward Sutphen, of Long Branch, the champion of New Jersey; Fred J. Robson, of Toronto, winner of over 100 races and undisputed champion of Canada; Con Heffernan, long-distance champion of Canada; Carl W. Ahlroth, a Western skater, who has never been in Pittsburgh, but who demonstrated that he was as fast as any in the recent races.

STANDING IN POOL AND BILLIARD TOURNAMENTS.

The pool and billiard tournaments at the Young Men's Institute Club are well under way. William Walsh leads in the pool competition, with a record of five victories and one defeat. J. A. Byrne has won six straight games in the billiard tournament, and holds first place. The standing to date follows:

POOL.			
W. Walsh	5	1	80
F. Carroll	4	1	80
J. A. Byrne	5	1	71
J. A. Byrne	4	1	57
E. Barrett	2	2	50
F. Carroll	1	3	50
W. Walsh	1	3	50
J. Walsh	1	3	25
J. Carroll	0	4	0
J. Carroll	0	4	0
J. Moss	0	4	0

ALERTS PUT UP 1,082 SCORE.

The high score record in the Lackawanna League was sent sky high last night, when the Alert Social Club bowlers, on their home alleys, in Madison, chalked up a total of 1,082 in the series against the Chatham team. The pinning in general was of the sensational kind, all six totals being far over the 900 mark. The scores:

CHATHAM. ALERT.			
M. Linn	241	181	182
C. Budd	149	192	179
A. Linn	168	196	181
E. Linn	162	185	196
Day	234	229	199
Totals	967	993	948

RED SOX HAVE FIVE SOUTHPAWS.

The Boston American Club has five left-handed pitchers already signed up for next season in Tannehill, Burchell, Robertson, Marie and Clotte. The club has also signed five fast outfielders in Barrett, Carlisle, Cravath, Sullivan and McHale. Twenty-one players in all have been signed. The only ones of prominence still unsigned are Outfielders Thoney and Gessler, Infielders McConnell and LaPorte and Pitchers Harris, Glaze and Winter.

Boston had less trouble this season than ever in signing up the ball players, as President Taylor practically came to terms with the old men before they left for home last fall.

Lamy and Phil Kearney to Be Pitted Against Each Other.

The records mostly held by Wood on the indoor rink may go by the boards, for with Lamy, Kearney and Logan, all able to go fast miles, it is no certainty that the records held by Wood will stand.

The following are the world's records and the holders of the same: 50 yards, Wood, 5-2-5 seconds; 75 yards, Wood, 8-1-5 seconds; 100 yards, Wood, 9-2-5 seconds; 220 yards, Wood, 16 seconds; one-quarter mile, Wood, 23-1-5 seconds; one-half mile, Wood, 1 minute 18-1-5 seconds; one mile, Wood, 2 minutes 53 seconds; two miles, Kearney, 6 minutes 7-2-5 seconds; five miles, Wood, 16 minutes 58 seconds.

All of the above records were made in competition except the fifty yards. The races will be held on Thursday and Friday, the preliminaries taking place the opening night and the finals on Friday.

NOT DRIVEN OUT OF BASEBALL BY PULLIAM.

Burnham Says He Quit Because He Got His Price.

Walter W. Burnham, ex-manager of the Newark baseball team, had a thing or two to say today with reference to his getting out of the Newark club.

"If Harry Pulliam entertains any idea that he has driven me out of baseball, he's way off his track," he said. "The deal put through yesterday had no connection, whatever, with him. I simply had an opportunity to sell out at figures agreeable to me and it was my privilege to do so."

"The STAR was right in its forecast of the sale of the Newark club, made a week ago. True, I denied that I had had any negotiations on the subject with George T. Stallings, but the fact is that it was not until Monday that I learned it was Stallings who was after the club."

"Furthermore, I am not out of baseball. I have made no definite plans, but if I can purchase a club at a suitable price and consider the move to my advantage I would again take up the management of a team."

Pulliam may not have had any part in the turn of affairs in the Newark Club, but it seems probable that the National League president knew of the deal at the time he made his attack upon the former Newark manager and realized that Burnham would get out of baseball one way or the other for a time at least.

CARNEY IN TRENTON

TRENTON, Feb. 5.—Manager John J. Carney, of the Trenton Tri-State League Club, is in this city this week completing the arrangements for the baseball park to be in readiness for the preliminary practice of the candidates for this year's club, which will begin about the middle of March. Mr. Carney came on from his home in Manchester, N. H., and will remain here until after the Tri-State League meeting in Reading.

Manager Carney has signed Louis Rapp, of last year's Baltimore Eastern League Club, for first base. Rapp has been playing in one of the Florida

winter leagues, and is said to be in fine condition. Last season, while with Baltimore, he was not well, but this winter he has been fielding with dash and hitting the ball hard.

The deal whereby Trenton was to get Randall from the Boston Nationals has fallen through, but Manager Carney is working on several other men who look equally strong to fill the vacancy.

Barton, Cannell and Poole have returned their contracts to Manager Carney unsigned, and it is rumored that Poole is flirting with the Brooklyn Union League Club of the new outlay league.

SCHAEFER ACCEPTS HOPPE'S DEF.

Willie Hoppe, the phenomenal young billiard player who relinquished his claim to the 18.1 ballline championship when he went to Europe last year, is once more ready to fight for the title. It was announced yesterday by the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company that Jacob Schaefer, the present holder of the title, has accepted Willie's challenge to play for the title and has deposited \$250 to bind the match. The date and place of the game remain to be decided, but the conditions of the acceptance of the challenge are that the players meet within sixty days. It was erroneously stated a few days ago by a prominent billiardist that George Sutton, the 18.2 ballline champion, had accepted Hoppe's challenge for that championship. Sutton has not as yet made any overtures to Hoppe in reply to his deft, but it is expected that the Chicago man will ultimately give the youngster a game.

INDIAN BALL PLAYER WAS A NEGRO.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—Manager Watkins, of the Indianapolis Club of the American Association, was bounced out of \$500 in a curious way. He drafted a player named Brooks from the Calumet Club, of the Northern League. Brooks was said to be an Indian "phenom." On arriving in Indianapolis he proved to be a negro. There is a boycott against negroes in the big leagues, and Watkins is out money and player.

BRITONS TO CONSIDER AMERICANS' CHALLENGE.

OXFORD, England, Feb. 5.—The reports printed in the United States, that the Oxford University Athletic Club has declined the challenge sent by the American Intercollegiate Athletic Association for an international track and field athletic meeting between teams representing the universities of the United States and Great Britain at the London Olympic games in 1908, are not true.

The question of the acceptance of the American collegians' challenge has not yet been decided. A meeting of the Oxford union will be held soon to consider the question.

It is believed the challenge of the Americans will be declined, owing to the difficulty that would be experienced in selecting a suitable team and the fact that the athletes of Oxford and Cambridge begin their training by Easter, and it would be difficult for them to keep it up until July, the time of the proposed meet.

HOW TO SHIP AUTOMOBILES.

The North German Lloyd Steamship Company has issued an interesting booklet on "How to ship automobiles abroad," showing how cars may be transported without danger of damage or inconvenience. The booklets may be had upon application to Oelrich & Co., 5 Greenwich street, New York.

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